GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD Department – serious allegation of irregularities on misuse of Cement supplies to the Government priority works taken up under MGNREGA convergence funds in Madakasira Constituency of Sri Satyasai District – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against **Sri A. Gopal Reddy, the then Executive Engineer**, PRI Division, Penukonda (retired as DPREO on 29.02.2024) under Rule 20 of A.P. Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991- Articles of charges- Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 14 **Dated: 10-01-2025**
Read :

G.O.Rt.No.13, PR&RD (Vig.II) Department, Dt:10.01.2025.

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ORDER:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of the Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for instituting departmental proceedings against **Sri A. Gopal Reddy, the then Executive Engineer**, PRI Division, Penukonda (retired as DPREO on 29.02.2024), it is proposed to hold an enquiry against him in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of APCS(CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to hold is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure-I and II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. **Sri A. Gopal Reddy, the then Executive Engineer**, PRI Division, Penukonda (retired as DPREO on 29.02.2024) is directed to submit his written statement of defense within ten (10) days of the receipt of this order.

4. **Sri A. Gopal Reddy, the then Executive Engineer**, PRI Division, Penukonda (retired as DPREO on 29.02.2024) is informed that, an enquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges, which are

not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. **Sri A. Gopal Reddy, the then Executive Engineer**, PRI Division, Penukonda (retired as DPREO on 29.02.2024) is further informed that, if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in Para-3 above, or does not appear in person before the inquiring authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of the A.P.C.S. [CC&A] Rules, 1991, or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the inquiring authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

6. The receipt of this G.O. may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri A. Gopal Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Penukonda (retired as DPREO) (w.e)
through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the charges on the individual and furnish a served copy to Government)

Copy to:
The Collector & District Magistrate, Puttaparthy, Sri Satyasai District.
The Secretary to VC, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, A.P., Velagapudi.
The PR&RD (Estt.I) Department.
SF/SC.

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST **SRI A.GOPAL REDDY, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**, PRI DIVISION, PENUKONDA (RETIRED AS DPREO, PUTTAPARTHY, SRI SATYASAI DISTRICT ON 29.02.2024)

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Charge:

That Sri A. Gopal Reddy, DPREO, Puttaparthy, Sri Satyasai District (retired on 29.02.2024) and while working as Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Penukonda had committed certain irregularities on misuse of 5365.10 Mts of Cement costing Rs.2,52,16,017/- supplied for Government priority works taken up under MGNREGA convergence funds in Madaksira Constituency of Sri Satyasai District along with four (4) other PR Engineering Personnel and he is responsible for recommending supply of Cement for works which were not grounded; and failed to monitor the supply and utilization of Cement procured by the Government for the intended works, thereby caused misuse of Cement.

By his above mentioned acts, **Sri A. Gopal Reddy, the then Executive Engineer**, PRI Division, Penukonda (retired on 29.02.2024) has failed to discharge his duties, lack of devotion to duty and integrity and for behaving in a manner unbecoming of a Government employee and for not taking all possible steps to ensure the integrity and devotion to duty of all Government servants for the time being under his control and authority and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) and 3(2) & 3(5) of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI A. GOPAL REDDY, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI DIVISION, PENUKONDA (RETIRED AS DPREO, PUTTAPARTHY, SRI SATYASAI DISTRICT ON 29.02.2024)

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The Collector & District Magistrate, Sri Sathya Sai District, Puttaparthy has addressed a D.O. Letter No. 04/2022, dated: 26.07.2022 to the Government and reported that, a team of three (3) Deputy Executive Engineers, O/o. Superintending Engineer, PR, Anantapuramu have enquired into the allegations made on misuse of cement supplies to the Government Priority works and also CC road works taken up under MGNREGS works in Madakasira Constituency. The preliminary report provisionally concluded that about (20423.78) bags of cement was unaccounted for. The Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Vigilance & Quality Control reported that, they could observe a difference of (7124) bags of Cement during verification of works done so far and recommended for an in depth revision of the supplies done, work wise to firmly arrive at the discrepancies / gaps noticed. While reporting the above issue, he has requested the Government to examine the feasibility of entrusting the case to Vigilance & Enforcement Department for enquiry into the matter, among others.

2. Government have examined the matter and felt that prima facie, there was a deliberate misuse of Cement supplies meant for public works taken up under MGNREGS. Accordingly, vide U.O. Note NO. PRR01-PREOMISC/6/2022-Vig.II, PR&RD (Vig. II) Department, Dt:16.08.2022, have entrusted the matter to the Director General, General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department for enquiry of the whole issue in depth and submit report for taking further action.

3. In pursuance, the Director General, General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department has furnished Vigilance Report No.06 (C.NO.4800/V&E/E/2022), dt:09.02.2024 and informed that, a total quantity of 11,713.10 MTs of cement was procured with the Government funds in Madakasira Constituency of Sri Satyasai District, in

which 6348.00 MTs of cement was utilized for the intended purpose. As there is no availability of balance quantity of cement at the site or in the possession of Department, it is evident that the remaining 5365.10 MTs of cement was put to wrong use, thereby caused misappropriation of Government money for an amount of Rs.2,52,16,017/-. The Mandal-wise abstract is as follow:

Name of Mandal	No of Works	Quantity of Cement Procured in MTs	Cement procured with Govt. funds & Utilized in MTs	Physical Balance as per Register in MTs	Physical Balance available at Site in MTs	Miss use of Cement in MTs	Cost of Misused cement in Rs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5) = 3-4	6	(7) = 5-6	(8) = 7 * 4700
Madakasira	129	3992.10	2254.00	1738.11	0	1738.11	81,69,117
Rolla	32	1057.50	607.35	450.15	0	450.15	21,15,705
Gudibanda	69	2200.00	1131.36	1068.64	0	1068.64	50,22,608
Amarapuram	84	2563.50	1457.51	1105.99	0	1105.99	51,98,153
Agali	66	1900.00	897.78	1002.22	0	1002.22	47,10,434
Total	380	11713.10	6348.00	5365.10	0	5365.10	2,52,16,017

4. The Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement, has recommended for initialization of Disciplinary action against Sri A.Gopal Reddy, the then EE, PRI-Division, Penukonda and retired as DPREO, Puttaprthy, Sri Sathyasai District along with four (4) other PR Engineering Personnel, among other recommendations.

5. As per the findings of V&E Report, Sri A. Gopal Reddy, the then EE, PRI Division, Penukonda and retired DPREO, Puttaparthy, Sri Satyasai District is responsible for misuse of 5365.10 Mts of Cement costing Rs.2,52,16,017/- supplied for Government priority works taken up under MGNREGA convergence funds in Madakasira Constituency along with four (4) other PR Engineering Personnel and recommending for supply of Cement for works which were not grounded; and also failed to monitor the supply and utilization of Cement procured by the Government for the intended works, thereby caused misuse of Cement.

By his above mentioned acts, Sri A. Gopal Reddy, the then EE, PRI Division, Penukonda and retired DPREO, Puttaparthy, Sri Satyasai District has failed to discharge his duties, lack of devotion to duty and integrity and for behaving in a manner unbecoming of a Government employee and for not taking all possible steps to ensure the integrity and devotion

to duty of all Government servants for the time being under his control and authority and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) and 3(2) & 3(5) of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI A. GOPAL REDDY, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI DIVISION, PENUKONDA (RETIRED AS DPREO, PUTTAPARTHY, SRI SATYASAI DISTRICT ON 29.02.2024) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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1. From the Collector & District Magistrate, Puttaparthy, Sri Satya Sai District, D.O. Letter No. 04/2022, dt: 26.07.2022.
2. Govt. U.O.Note No. PRR01-PREOMISC/6/2022- Vig. II, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt: 16.08.2022.
3. From the DG, G.A (V&E) Dept. Vigilance Report No. 06 (C.No. 4800/V&E/E/2022), dt: 09.02.2024.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED AGAINST SRI A. GOPAL REDDY, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI DIVISION, PENUKONDA (RETIRED AS DPREO, PUTTAPARTHY, SRI SATYASAI DISTRICT ON 29.02.2024)

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- NIL –

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